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Whom would they break bread with?

Philly 2015. Mayoral candidates are put in the hot seat in our new feature, The Short Answer. They've got 50 words to answer an awkward question. In this edition, the mayoral hopefuls share which rivals they'd have dinner with, and explain why. PAGE 02

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The short answer: Best dinner guests

Each week, we ask the mayoral candidates a question. We give them 50 words to answer it. Got a question? Send it to dan.kelley@metro.us

Dish. Metro asks the candidates: Name a person with whom you disagree with politically that you would like to have dinner with, and explain why.

"I'd have dinner with former Gov. Tom Corbett. I'd want to better understand his position on public education, particularly here in Philadelphia. He chose not to reinvest in our schools and I'd be interested in hearing what could have been more important than investing our children's future." Doug Oliver

"Ronald Reagan. Our next mayor needs to be able to bring people from all political orientations and walks of life together in order to tackle our city's challenges. I think I would benefit in that regard from talking to someone with a very different perspective from my own."

Jim Kenney

"I'd say Rep. John Taylor. We disagree on a number of issues, but have been able to find common ground to pass meaningful legislation that has helped thousands of people. I'd break bread with him anytime."

Anthony Hardy Williams

"Pennsylvania State House Speaker Mike Turzai and Senate Majority Leader Jake Corman. ... We don't see eye-to-eye on most issues, but I think we can find common ground to move Philadelphia and Pennsylvania forward. If I could work with Newt Gingrich in the '90s, I can work with them."

Nelson Diaz

"Mike Turzai. Philadelphia Public Schools deserve the same per-student allotment that's received by affluent suburban schools. As mayor, I would go to Harrisburg and have dinner with every Harrisburg leader ... until our schools get their fair share."

Lynne Abraham

It's an eaglet! Cam captures birth

A bald eagle tends to its newborn eaglet. / PROVIDED

A child of freedom was born.

A proud pair of Pennsylvania Bald Eagles at Codorus State Park are also proud parents.

Early Tuesday, the first egg laid by Mama Eagle on Valentine's Day (can you get any more romantic?!) hatched.

A live stream on the Pennsylvania Game Commission caught it all.

Before Tuesday's eaglet popped out of its shell, the site had already drawn nearly 650,000 viewers from 140 countries.

A second egg is expected to hatch on March 27 — and the baby birds will stay nest-bound through June or July.

The bald eagles' nest, outside of Hanover, is being closely watched by a live streaming camera.

Park manager Warren Werntz previously told Metro that even in the snow, the eagles could protect their eggs.

"The area underneath their bellies is very warm," Werntz said.

The two bald eagles have been taking turns in the nest. Park officials believe the pair are feeding off of a dead deer nearby.

JOHN A. OSWALD

New Castle

Delaware cops discover reptiles in crack den

Police in New Castle, Delaware, found 17 "dangerous reptiles," along with "a large amount of crack cocaine" after executing a warrant at an apartment building, they announced Tuesday.

Arrested on drugs and child endangerment charges were Jerimiah Feaster, 28, Antonio Graves, 32, and Jennifer Chadwick, 25.

Officers found a 3-year-old child in the apartment as well as about 115 grams of crack cocaine, two loaded handguns, more than 99 grams of marijuana, several prescription drugs, and most intriguingly, 17 reptiles, some of which were 6-feet long, after the raid on Friday.

Officers first went to the Heritage Court Apartments on the 5500 Block of Heritage Court Drive to execute multiple warrants on Chadwick, including violation of probation.

The reptiles included 16 monitor lizards — specifically Savannah monitors, water monitors and black-throated monitors, as well as one Columbian red-tailed boa constrictor.

"Several of the lizards were up to 6 feet in length and were described by [Brandywine] Zoo staff as deadly and extremely dangerous, especially around children. These lizards were not legal to own and are considered an exotic species," police said.

A monitor lizard recovered from the home. / PROVIDED

Officers called in the Brandywine Zoo and Kent County SPCA to help deal with the animals. The child was released to the custody of a family member. SAM NEWHOUSE

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Dauphin County

Cop charged with murder for on-duty shooting

Hummelstown police officer Lisa Mearkle has been charged with criminal homicide for fatally shooting a man who was lying down after he fled from a traffic stop.

Mearkle shot David Kassick, 59, on Feb 2.

She chased him into his yard, and shot him with a stun gun. She then fired a handgun, she said because she thought he was reaching for a gun and would not obey commands to show his hands, reports say. METRO

Victim David Kassick
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Philly police officer uses humor to boost recruitment

Twitter. This cop gets the word out one joke at a time.

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One local cop has turned to Twitter, and jokes, in an effort to boost the department's application numbers

"There's a quiet nerdiness that we have as cops," says Lt. Stephen Clark, one of 53 authorized Twitter users in the 6,600-member department. "a lot of "A-Team" and Chuck Norris humor."

Could a light chuckle get you to join the Philadelphia Police Department? / TWITTER, @PPDSTEVECLARK

Quoted

"There's a quiet nerdiness we have as cops." Clark

Clark, who oversees strategic planning for the Philadelphia Police Department, isn't attached to the recruiting department. But the department's Twitter users — he goes by the handle @PPDsteveclark — are given pretty wide latitude on social media.

He took it upon himself to create a handful of memes that quietly make fun of the job he's trying to promote because he worries the department's enrollment numbers have been hurt by some of the criticism the force has received in recent months.

"Transform yourself. Grow a moustache, wear a leather jacket." reads one tweet, which features Clark and a batch of fellow cops looking very un-undercover.

"That was actually a picture of me and a couple of guys I worked with," Clark said. "We'd have a moustache month, and whoever grew the biggest one got a case of beer that month or pizza from wherever."

He said using Twitter allows him to reach a lot more potential recruits, and yes, he has gotten some response from people looking for jobs with the department.

The comedian

Lt. Stephen Clark, a 20-year veteran, creates the meme's himself during his off hours, mostly referencing stuff he liked as a kid.

"When I was on patrol, our means of recruiting was word of mouth," Clark said. "I worked in some of the tougher neighborhoods. We want to represent all the neighborhoods in Philadelphia."

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Blackout. School bus driver hits Montco home, kids unhurt

A school bus driver says he "blacked out" Tuesday morning — and when he came to, the bus was inside a Montco home.

Nine kids were on board the bus, and all got out relatively unharmed but with a story to tell.

News choppers above the scene of Windermere Drive in Whitpain Township caught dramatic aerials of what could have been far worse.

The nine students were K through 8 classmates from St. Helena School in Blue Bell, Pa.

The driver, reported to be 58, was taken to hospital, and one boy reportedly had a bloody nose. A person inside the home was not injured. The house? Not so lucky.

"The driver was absolutely lethargic," neighbor Craig Kelman told NBC. "He had no recollection whatsoever. He said he completely blacked out."

JOHN A. OSWALD

Frankford

Man arrested while burying woman in lot

Police arrested a man Tuesday as he allegedly buried a female corpse behind a home on the 4700 block of Frankford Avenue, reports say.

Pedestrians flagged down police and led them to the scene. After he struggled with officers, the man was hit with a Taser.

The man was not identified. METRO

A.C. turnaround team betting on casino cuts

Bankruptcy is not on the table for an Atlantic City turnaround team. / GETTY IMAGES

Casinos. Atlantic City faces serious problems as the casino industry dwindles.

A report by a turnaround team tasked with reviving struggling gaming resort Atlantic City said possible options would be to cut costs, jobs and extend bondholder maturities but did not foresee bankruptcy as a solution.

"Bankruptcy is not something that we are contemplating," said emergency manager Kevin Lavin on a conference call on Tuesday. "We think that this process can be done without that necessity."

The report proposes to negotiate with stakeholders until the end of June and sees fiscal sustainability at some point after that. It says the city's current projected budget deficit is $101 million and that without significant change, the cumulative deficit will be $393 million over five years.

The city has seen its municipal finances decline with the fortunes of its local casino industry, which has suffered steep losses from competing casinos in nearby states. According to city figures, casinos in the past paid roughly 75 percent of the city's property taxes.

Four of the city's twelve casinos closed in 2014. A fifth, Trump Entertainment's Taj Mahal, narrowly averted closing and remains in bankruptcy. Caesars Entertainment, the owner of three other casinos in Atlantic City, filed for bankruptcy in January to cut its debt by $10 billion. REUTERS

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Economy

U.S. consumer inflation firming

U.S. consumer prices rebounded in February as gasoline prices rose for the first time since June, and there were also signs of an uptick in underlying inflation pressures, keeping the Federal Reserve on course to raise interest rates this year.

The economy, which has been on the back foot in recent months, received another boost from other data on Tuesday showing new home sales surged to a seven-year high in February and manufacturing activity gained some momentum in March.

The upbeat reports came despite harsh weather and a strong dollar, which have contributed to slowing economic activity early in the first quarter.

Quoted

"There is some chance economic activity is going to pick up a little bit this spring."

Guy Berger
an economist at RBS in Stamford, Connecticut.

The Labor Department said its Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 percent last month after dropping 0.7 percent in January, ending three straight months of declines in the index.

The dollar rose against a basket of currencies, while U.S. stocks edged down. Prices for U.S. Treasury debt were higher.
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A courtroom sketch by Jane Collins of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Witness says Al Qaeda influence seen in note

Bombing trial. Tsarnaev is accused of killing three people and injuring 264.

Lawyers for accused Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and a terrorism expert serving as a prosecution witness argued on Tuesday over whether the defendant was paraphrasing Al Qaeda propaganda in a note he left four days after the attack.

While hiding in a boat hours before his arrest, Tsarnaev scrawled a note reading, in part, "we Muslims are one body you hurt one you hurt us all," a message counter-terrorism expert Matthew Levitt said was similar to extremist writings found on Tsarnaev's computer.

Defense attorney David Bruck asked Levitt if it was not possible that Tsarnaev, now 21, had heard those words from his older brother, Tamerlan.

"Could other people have hit these points too? Maybe in that same verbatim language? Maybe," Levitt acknowledged at U.S. District Court in Boston. "Could that have contributed to the radicalization? It could have."

Defense attorneys opened Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's trial March 5, admitting he committed the crimes, but are seeking to persuade the jury to spare him the death penalty by painting him as a mostly normal American kid who fell under his brother's spell.

Levitt, a senior fellow at a Washington think tank and a former U.S. intelligence agent, told jurors he did not know if the materials found on Tsarnaev's computer, including sermons by U.S.-born Al Qaeda figure Anwar al-Awlaki and issues of Al Qaeda's Inspire magazine, were put there by Tsarnaev or by someone else, such as his brother.
REUTERS

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The jury also saw records of the younger Tsarnaev taking target practice at a New Hampshire shooting range about a month before the bombing. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev paid about $170 to rent two 9mm Glock handguns.

E-commerce. Amazon blasts FAA's slowness on drone regulation

Miles

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Amazon wants to use drones to deliver packages to its customers over distances of 10 miles or more, which would require drones to travel autonomously while equipped with technology to avoid collisions with other aircraft.

The FAA recently proposed rules that would lift the current ban on most commercial drone flights. / GETTY IMAGES

Amazon blasted federal regulators on Tuesday for being slow to approve commercial drone testing, saying the United States is falling behind other countries in the potentially lucrative area of unmanned aviation technology.

Less than a week after the Federal Aviation Administration gave Amazon.com the green light to test a delivery drone outdoors, the company told U.S. lawmakers that the prototype drone had already become obsolete while the company waited more than six months for the agency's permission.

"We don't test it anymore. We've moved on to more advanced designs that we already are testing abroad," said Paul Misener, Amazon.com's vice president for global public policy.

"Nowhere outside of the United States have we been required to wait more than one or two months to begin testing," Misener said in written testimony submitted to the Senate Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety and Security.

Misener said Amazon had applied on Friday for permission to test a more advanced drone system and now hopes for quicker approval.

The Amazon.com case illustrates the frustrations of many companies and industry lobbyists, who say the U.S. regulatory process is not keeping up with rapidly developing drone technology that could generate new revenues and cost savings for a range of industries.

Quoted

"This low level of government attention and slow pace are inadequate, especially compared to the regulatory efforts in other countries." Misener

Misener, who was scheduled to join a witness panel at the subcommittee hearing, said European and other international authorities have more "reasonable" approaches that recognize the potential economic benefits of commercial drone operations.

"The [FAA] already has adequate statutory authority. What the FAA needs is impetus, lest the United States fall further behind," Misener said.

The FAA recently proposed rules that would lift the current ban on most commercial drone flights, but several restrictions attached would make package delivery and other business applications unfeasible. REUTERS

Expenses

Google poaches Morgan Stanley's CFO

Google said it hired Ruth Porat, chief financial officer at Morgan Stanley, as its own finance chief, a move signaling that the search engine company may be looking to bear down on fast growing expenses.

Google's costs have jumped as the company embarked on an increasing number of ambitious projects including self-driving cars and internet-connected eyeglasses. Last year, the company's revenue grew 19 percent, while total expenses rose 23.4 percent, a trend that alarmed some analysts.

"You want someone to come in there and push back against the free spenders," said Colin Gillis, an equity research analyst at BGC Partners, a brokerage, adding that investors hope Porat will be that person. Google's shares rose as much as 2.5 percent on Tuesday.

Porat has helped execute a sweeping cost-cutting strategy across several business lines at Morgan Stanley. REUTERS

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Five things you

1 Islamic State recruits 400 children since January: Syria monitor

Islamic State has recruited at least 400 children in Syria in the past three months and given these so-called "Cubs of the Caliphate" military training and hard-line indoctrination, a monitoring group said on Tuesday.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the children, all aged under 18, were recruited near schools, mosques and in public areas where Islamic State carries out killings and brutal punishments on local people.

One such young boy appeared in a video early this month shooting dead an Israeli Arab accused by Islamic State of being as spy. A French police source said the boy might be the half-brother of Mohamed Merah, who killed three soldiers, a rabbi and three Jewish children in Toulouse in 2012.

"They use children because it is easy to brainwash them. They can build these children into what they want. They stop them from going to school and send them to IS schools instead," said Rami Abdulrahman, head of the British-based Observatory.

Islamic State declared a caliphate last year in territory it controls in Syria and Iraq and is being targeted by U.S.-led air strikes in both countries. REUTERS

SCREENSHOT FROM VIDEO

2 Italian court to rule on Knox conviction in Kercher murder

Italy's highest court will decide to uphold Amanda Knox's conviction for the 2007 murder of Briton Meredith Kercher, potentially sparking an extradition battle with the United States.

Knox and her former boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito, were convicted for the second time last year in the killing of Kercher, who was found stabbed to death in a house the women shared in Perugia, central Italy.

Now the Court of Cassation must choose whether to confirm the conviction or order a retrial in the case. REUTERS

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U.S. to keep 9,800 troops in Afghanistan through the end of 2015

The United States will maintain its current 9,800 troops in Afghanistan through the end of 2015, the White House said in a statement on Tuesday after President Barack Obama met with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani.

"Based on President Ghani's request for flexibility in the U.S. drawdown timeline, the U.S. will maintain its current posture of 9,800 troops through the end of 2015," the White House said. REUTERS

Four people found shot to death in Indianapolis home

Four people were found dead of gunshot wounds at a home on Indianapolis' north side, police said on Tuesday.

Officers responding to the scene about 9:45 a.m. found three women and a man dead, according to a news release from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

Investigators do not believe the shootings were random acts, police said. The neighborhood where the shootings occurred is a high-crime area, police spokesman Rafael Diaz said.

The identities of the victims were not released pending further investigation. REUTERS

Automakers to double the driving range of electric cars

Global automakers are readying a new generation of mass-market electric cars with more than double the driving range of today's Nissan Leaf, betting that technical breakthroughs by big battery suppliers such as LG Chem will jump-start demand and pull them abreast of Tesla Motors.

At least four major automakers — General Motors, Ford, Nissan, and Volkswagen — plan to race Tesla to be first to field affordable electric vehicles that will travel up to 200 miles between charges. REUTERS

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Analysis. 'Consider depressurisation as the cause' of the crash

Pilot and aviation consultant Nicolas Coccolo presents his theory on the cause of the crash.

Can we describe this as a free fall?
No, but the plane seemed to be in a controlled descending procedure. What is particularly striking in this hypothesis is that the pilots didn't send a distress call to the air traffic control. In case of a controlled descent, you are supposed to use the oxygen masks, start the descent and contact the air traffic control.

What could be the cause of this "controlled descent"?
We can assume it was triggered by depressurisation, caused by an excessive air input inside the airplane. It forces the pilots to go down to an altitude of 3,000 to 4,000 meters, where the air becomes breathable again for humans. It's a procedure all pilots know about: They receive special training once a year for this kind of incident. Once it has reached that level, the airplane usually lands at the nearest airport.

What could cause the depressurisation?
This A320 was quite old, so we can easily suspect a crack on one window, even though this is extremely rare. It's also possible that something created a hole in the cockpit.

Why couldn't the pilots stop the descent?
We can imagine that the air supply broke. Despite the presence of oxygen masks, the passengers and air crew could have suffered from hypoxia and fainted. If they ran short on oxygen at that altitude, they probably fainted after less than a minute. MWN

Children among victims of French Alps crash

Rescuers leave from a field where the rescue effort is headquartered in the southeastern French town of Seyne. / GETTY IMAGES

Flight recorder. One of the downed plane's black box recorders has been found at the site.

An Airbus operated by Lufthansa's Germanwings budget airline crashed into a mountainside in the French Alps, killing all 150 people on board including 16 schoolchildren.

Germanwings confirmed its flight 4U 9525 from Barcelona to Dusseldorf went down with 144 passengers and six crew on board.

Aerial photos showed smoldering wreckage and a piece of the fuselage with six windows strewn across the steep mountainside cut by ravines.

"We saw an aircraft that had literally been ripped apart, the bodies are in a state of destruction, there is not one intact piece of wing or fuselage," Brice Robin, prosecutor for the city of Marseille, told Reuters after flying over the wreckage in a helicopter.

Germanwings believed 67 Germans had been on the flight. Spain's deputy prime minister said 45 passengers had Spanish names. One Belgian was also aboard.

Also among the victims were 16 children and two teachers from the Joseph-Koenig-Gymnasium high school in the town of Haltern am See in northwest Germany.

Barcelona's Liceu opera house said on Twitter that two singers, Kazakhstan-born Oleg Bryjak and German Maria Radner, had died while returning to Dusseldorf after they had performed in Wagner's "Siegfried" at the theater. REUTERS

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5 Tax tips for millennials

Life hacks. Here's how to get the most money back.

With a few simple changes, you can be on your way to getting a bigger refund. / ISTOCK

While nearly half of all millennials use tax software to file their taxes, Forbes reports that many are actually doing it wrong. The result? Less money in your pocket. Read on for a handful of killer tips for winning the tax game this year. Sophia Bera, a certified financial planner and founder of Gen Y Planning, is here to help.

Plan ahead, way ahead

For many 20-somethings, kicking in for retirement is the last thing on their minds. But the truth is that many millennials actually qualify for an awesome tax credit for doing just that. The Saver's Tax Credit is geared toward rewarding low- and moderate-income people for beefing up their retirement funds.

"It's my favorite tax credit," says Bera, who adds that those who qualify can get between 10 and 50 percent back through the credit.

Consider changing your withholding

If you got a big tax return last year ($1,000 or more), you may want to think about changing your withholding. It might make sense to first understand what a tax return actually is. According to Bera, it's basically a return on a loan you gave to the government during that tax year. If you don't adjust the amount you withhold from your paycheck, you aren't fully leveraging your tax power.

"It's basically like giving the government an interest-free loan," says Bera.

Pay taxes on your side hustles

The majority of us have a few side gigs, which is a great way to bump up your take-home pay. But it's crucial to remember that you absolutely have to pay taxes on this income.

"If you've got a side hustle that brings in $5,000 to $10,000 a year, that's significant," says Bera, who adds that paying quarterly taxes is the smart way to go. "If you don't, you could have a major tax bill when you file."

Plus, owing back taxes is crazy-expensive. According to Bera, it comes with some of the highest fees and interest rates you'll ever pay.

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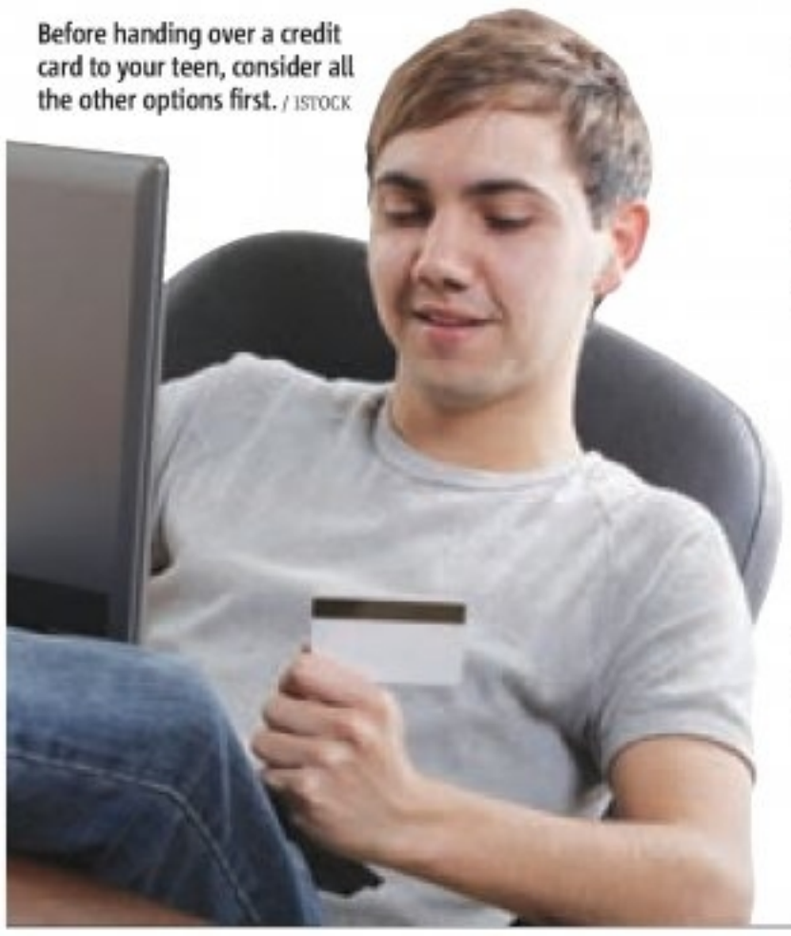

Before handing over a credit card to your teen, consider all the other options first. / ISTOCK

What type of banking is right for your teen?

When your children's concept of pocket change involves actual change, helping them keep track of their money is pretty easy. But when they start needing serious coin to gas up a sport utility vehicle or travel abroad, you need more sophisticated financing alternatives like a credit card. Here are some options, along with what you need to know before you give your teen access to credit. **REUTERS**

Bank account with ATM card

Pros: It may take an in-person visit to a bank to open up an account for a minor, but then you can link it to a parent's account to easily transfer funds. The ATM card makes it easy to get cash while traveling and can be used as a credit card.

Cons: Beware that fees can rack up if the account goes negative or below a required minimum. Debit cards do not offer all the same consumer fraud protections as credit cards. They may incur overseas transaction or ATM service fees, and they require parental attention to keep adding funds.

Your credit card

Pros: Adding your child as an authorized user should take a simple phone call, and the child will have his or her own card to use. You can usually get a separate accounting of their charges.

Cons: The card will have your credit limits. Plus, no restrictions will be imposed on spending. Also, U.S. cards do not always work in foreign countries. They often have high transaction fees abroad, especially for cash advances.

Prepaid debit card

Pros: Getting one is easy, and most have slick mobile interfaces. As they are not linked to any bank account or credit line, there are fewer worries about overspending, loss or identity theft. Some cards, like Oink (www.oink.com/oinkcard), allow parents to restrict spending in certain categories, like alcohol.

Cons: Some prepaid cards come with lots of hidden fees just to access your own money. They do not help build a credit history.

Personal credit card

Pros: Building a credit score at 18 is smart. A typical newcomer does not start at zero, but rather at around 600, says Greg Lull, head of consumer insights at Credit Karma (www.creditkarma.com). That is in the middle range between the top of 850 and the bottom of 300.

Cons: If your young adult is not ready to handle the responsibility, his credit score will drop, and he will build up debt. Most young adults bottom out at age 21 before turning things around, says Lull.

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1 This Vogue shoot may cement your dislike of Young Hollywood

Vogue has tasked veteran photographer Mario Testino with documenting what the magazine insists is the new Brat Pack — Justin Bieber, Kendall Jenner, Ansel Elgort, Gigi Hadid and Hopper and Dylan Penn, the son and daughter of Sean Penn and Robin Wright — in their natural habitat: lounging around a pool and pouting. And the group even gets a catchy new name that only makes them more insufferable: The Instagram Aristocracy. And if the photos of the kids aren't enough to make you want to climb onto an ice floe and float away into the sea, there are also some choice quotes displaying an impressive lack of self-awareness, like when Bieber says he's been "kind of on the low, just working on the new album" lately or how Jenner is "aware when I'm at the gym that I need to save some energy so I can do a 40-yard dash" to avoid the paparazzi.

One thing's for sure: Elgort seems a lot less obnoxious when next to Bieber, so good on him for using that proximity to his advantage. Oh, and Bieber also wants the world to know something else: "I'm actually an introvert." Which is about the funniest thing I've heard in a while.

MARIO TESTINO, VOGUE

2 Jennifer Lawrence exiting 'X-Men' franchise

You better get your fill of Jennifer Lawrence as Mystique in next year's "X-Men: Age of Apocalypse," because after that, the Oscar-winner is putting away her blue body paint and calling it quits with the franchise. "It is my last one, actually, yes," she tells MTV. Lawrence, Michael Fassbender and James McAvoy all reportedly signed contracts for three films, and it looks like she's not interested in extending that. Co-star and ex-boyfriend Nicholas Hoult, on the other hand, is open to negotiation. "This is the last one I'm signed up for," Hoult told E! News about playing Beast in the series. "It's a great crew and cast to work with, and he's a fun character. I have a good time playing him, so I'd keep making them."

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3 How Julia Roberts hooked Richard Gere for 'Pretty Woman'

Garry Marshall, Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. / GETTY IMAGES

It's a good thing Romi and Michelle invented Post-It Notes, because otherwise we might not have "Pretty Woman." Stars Richard Gere and Julia Roberts reunited with director Garry Marshall on the "Today" show to celebrate the film's 25th anniversary, and Gere recounted how meeting Roberts put an end to his waffling about signing on for the project. "We loved each other immediately. It was a nice thing. But to be honest, I didn't know if I was doing this movie yet," Gere remembers. "[Marshall] calls up and is kind of like, 'How's it going?' And I'm going, 'Yeah, yeah.' ... She's across from the desk, and she takes a piece of paper and she's writing something on it. ... And she turns it around and she pushes it to me and it said, 'Please say yes.'" That piece of paper, Roberts is quick to point out, was a Post-It Note. Is there anything they can't do?

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today, Ricky Martin is in a really good mood, Justin Bieber feels like putting on a show, Solange Knowles is feeling underpaid, Jeremy Piven is not a happy shopper and John Stamos is looking for someone to blame.

@ricky_martin: it's a good week to have a good week!!!

@justinbieber: I miss performing. Time to get back to that :)

@solangeknowles: I am 100% grateful, humbled, & really appreciate being called "mom" by u guys.... but where all my child support from y'all's "dads" then?

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THE LATEST ON MO'NE DAVIS

Little League World Series star **Mo'ne Davis** is having a great month, despite having to deal with an offensive tweet from a Bloomsburg University baseball player. Davis released a book, **"Remember My Name,"** and signed copies at **Rittenhouse Square's Barnes & Noble** on Saturday. **The Disney Channel** announced a movie, "Throw Like Mo." Plus, Davis got a sneaker line, M4D3, with a percentage of its sales going to children's charities.

Rumor has chef **Anthony Marini** searching East Passyunk Ave., Midtown Village, and Washington Square for his debut restaurant, **The Rarest**. His concept is raw and rare menu items.

Last week, comedian/ **"Hangover"** actor **Mike Epps** announced and then canceled a show at the **Liacouras Center**. But he will be starring as **Richard Pryor** in director **Lee Daniels' "Is It Something I Said?"** Filming starts in April.

Prince Music Theater just reopened, and now local Mexican food chain **Johnny Manana's** will open next door by summer.

Christine Hazel, chef at **Chickie's & Pete's**, is competing on **"Hell's Kitchen,"** hosted by **Gordon Ramsay**. "He's just as you see on TV," says Hazel. "I've learned to be more dominant and a better chef through him." Hazel is hosting a tasting dinner at Chickie's on March 26, then a "Hell's Kitchen" viewing party March 31. "Never assume anything," says Hazel about whether she's won or lost. "Just know we'll have a good time."

Chickie's & Pete's chef Christine Hazel is on "Hell's Kitchen." / HUGHE DELLION

Celebrity sightings

- **Nikki Mudarris** of **VH1's "Love & Hip Hop: Hollywood"** appeared at **Club Onyx** Saturday as a surprise judge of a lingerie contest.
- Director **Kevin Smith** stopped at **93.3 WMMR** Saturday to discuss **"Clerks III,"** which he'll shoot somewhere between "Center City and King of Prussia" starting in May.
- Eagles' linebacker **Connor Barwin** put his Rittenhouse condo on sale for $1.25 million and hosted the **Zarwin Baum March Madness-a-thon** at **Crystal Tea Room**. Comedian **Joe Conklin** and **Fox 29's Mike Jerrick** and **Alex Holley** attended.

BOLDFACE

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The Weekly Yelp. Anytime can be breakfast time

We've all been there: Desperately rushing somewhere before breakfast service ends. People! Breakfast isn't meant to be a stressful, panicked expedition. Breakfast is meant to be enjoyed. So screw timelines, these three joints are serving breakfast around the clock.

Yelper Lulu X. recommends the creme brulee French toast at Green Eggs Cafe. / YELP

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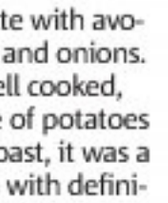

Fantastic brunch on a lazy Sunday morning. ... I got the omelette with avocado, peppers, and onions. Super fluffy, well cooked, and with a side of potatoes and buttered toast, it was a sizable portion with definitively fresh ingredients – a great value. **ABHISHEK Y.**

Sam's Morning Glory

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Just really, out-of-this-world delicious food. I had one of the specials, a three-mushroom frittata with a side of potatoes and a biscuit. It was truly outstanding, hot and soft and they did not scrimp on the mushrooms. **GINA V.**

Green Eggs Cafe

212 S. 13th St, Washington Square West

Since they offer an all-day breakfast menu, I was able to try their food today with no wait. I got the red velvet pancakes and the portion was HUGE. The three huge pancakes were slightly crisp with chocolate and marscapone cheese filling. Topped with strawberries and whipped cream, they were some of the best pancakes I've had. **DEBBIE A.**

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Understanding Angelina Jolie's brave decision

Health choice. Why the actress had her ovaries removed.

Angelina Jolie made headlines on Monday with news that she had elected to remove her ovaries as a preventative measure against developing ovarian cancer. In 2013, the actress underwent a double mastectomy. The actress wrote op-eds for both surgeries, explaining that she elected to have the procedures because she had a high risk of developing both cancers. We spoke with Dr. Lisa M. Sclafani, director of surgical services at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, for better insight:

What can you tell us about why Angelina Jolie had this procedure?

I see patients like Angelina Jolie because she has inherited the BRCA gene. ... The operation is a way to prevent ovarian cancer by removing the ovaries before you get cancer, although it doesn't completely reduce your risks to zero percent. Patients who get this operation can still get a form of ovarian cancer called primary peritoneal carcinoma.

What are the chances of getting ovarian cancer with the BRCA gene?

For breast cancer, it's quite high. [The] chances of getting ovarian cancer are usually estimated to be 40 to 60 percent. We see a lot of women do this because ovarian cancer is very deadly. Also, almost everyone who gets ovarian cancer is diagnosed at an advanced stage and needs chemotherapy. That's in contrast to breast cancer, where we can do surveillance on patients and often pick it up early before they need chemotherapy. It's very difficult to screen for ovarian cancer.

What makes it so difficult to screen for ovarian cancer?

It's difficult because the symptoms can be very vague, and it can become very advanced before the patient has symptoms. The typical screening tests that I believe Ms. Jolie had include ultrasound as well as blood tests — but they're not great tests for picking up early ovarian cancer. It's almost impossible to detect ovarian cancer early.

Is there anything else you would like our readers to know about this procedure?

The procedure of removing one's ovaries is fairly low-risk. It's an outpatient surgery usually, and it has a low complication rate. The long-term consequences are what people are really concerned about. Early menopause can bring on a lot of symptoms: hot flashes and things like premature osteoporosis.

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Pros and cons

What should women be aware of when it comes to this procedure?

You must consider that the benefit of the operation is that you can greatly reduce your risk of getting ovarian cancer. ... The risks are fairly low, but more important are the side effects of going through menopause at a very early age. The average age for menopause now is about 52, and she's 39, so when you take away ovaries, you put the patient into early menopause.

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12 SXSW standouts: Artists to watch

1 Stromae

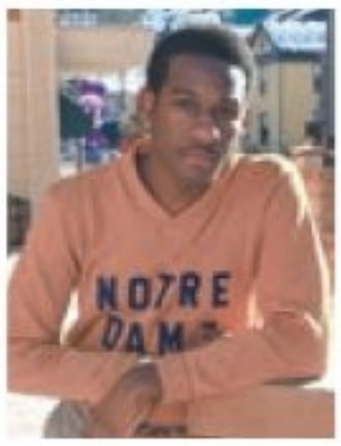
Stromae is already huge in Europe, but it wasn't until Kanye West remixed the Belgian-born singer's song "Alors On Danse" that we here in the States started paying attention. His music is dance-floor-ready hip-hop, and even though he sings in French, it translates to party music in every language. With a Madison Square Garden show booked for October, the buzz is only just beginning.

2 Milky Chance

Though this is their first time at SXSW, it's a stretch to call Milky Chance a breakthrough as their song "Stolen Dance" is already being looped on Top 40 stations everywhere. Things have accelerated quickly for the German duo, whose second single, "Flashed Junk Mind" already has over 5 million views on YouTube, showing they aren't just a one-hit wonder.

3 Leon Bridges

Texas native Leon Bridges may have been born in the '90s, but he's fully mastered blending retro pop and soul that can transport listeners to a bygone era.



4 Shamir

Shamir knows how to get the party started. The musician blends hip-hop and electronica, making happy dance songs that would be right at home being played at a warehouse party in his native Brooklyn.

5 Ryn Weaver

One of MTV's Artists to Watch, alternative songstress Ryn Weaver sounds like a less airy Ellie Goulding. Her debut album (out next month) was produced by Passion Pit frontman Michael Angelakos, and Charli XCX has already tweeted her love for the single.

6 Jess Glynne

There's a total girl-power element to British singer Jess Glynne's songs, but she's way too soulful to be labeled a pop diva. Her songs are reminiscent of your favorite '90s tunes but with a heavy dose of Motown.

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Whether you're a rapper, rock band or aspiring pop star, it's hard to stand out from the 2,000-plus performers at SXSW. Everyone on this list managed to create major buzz with a killer showcase and has big things in the works for 2015.

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7 Bleachers

Lena Dunham's beau Jack Antonoff used SXSW to show that his focus is now primarily on Bleachers, not his other band, Fun. This was the band's first time performing live — they played both scheduled shows and a surprise show — and they killed it every time, proving Bleachers is no longer a side project.

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9 Ivy Levan

Pop singer Ivy Levan gave a powerful performance at Perez Hilton's One Night In Austin party the last night of SXSW — this girl has some killer pipes. Expect to see her name on the mainstream music charts later this year.

10 Black Milk

This Detroit rapper is the first hip-hop artist signed to Jack White's label, Third Man Records. White is featured on two of his songs, playing guitar on "Brain" and drums on "Royal Mega." Performing with a sizable band, Black Milk brings something new to the hip-hop game.

BLACK MILK/FACEBOOK

11 Misterwives

With "Reflections" slowly climbing the charts, Misterwives is a band on its way. Singer Mandy Lee is backed by three guys, together making feel-good, catchy alt-pop.

12 Dej Loaf

Not only did Drake publicly claim his love for the Detroit rapper's song "Try Me" on Instagram, she's featured on Eminem's song, "Detroit vs. Everybody." This year is her year.

MAX FROST/FACEBOOK

8 Max Frost

Austin native Max Frost blends R&B, electronica, rock and a surprising amount of soul for a unique sound that's getting him recognized far outside his home state. He generated buzz with his cover songs, and treated his SXSW crowd to an Outkast cover, but it's his own songs, like "White Lies" and "Let Me Down Easy," that make him worth listening to.

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Ethan Hawke's 'Seymour' syncs art and daily life

Interview. The actor-director's first documentary, "Seymour: An Introduction," is about more than music.

Ethan Hawke met retired concert pianist Seymour Bernstein at a dinner party, and was so blown away by what he said — about music and about life — that he made a film about him. "Seymour: An Introduction" hangs with the musician, now in his 80s, as he offers his wisdom and his belief that we can improve our life by tapping into art. Luckily, we got to talk to both of them.

Why Hawke made it: "I knew that most people weren't going to have the chance to have that dinner party. I thought, 'How wonderful it would be if you could create a scenario where you could really hear what Seymour's message was.' ... I was so moved by what Seymour was talking about. I had never heard about integrating the best aspects of a creative life back into your everyday life. We often talk about using your life to create art, but what about this grace that can be achieved through art and bringing it back to you life, so that the two are woven together? That was really exciting."

Bernstein's philosophy of life: "I believe our true identity resides in whatever talent you have. If your talent is for cooking, then your true self lies in that area. ... Take stock of this now: In the social world, everything is unpredictable. Your job could be snuffed out like that. The person closest to you — one day the whole relationship fizzles out. Have you had that happen to you? But if you're working on a Shakespearean role, those words are never going to change. The art form is forever. You have

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a sense of predictability, stability, and you work out your emotional, intellectual and even your physical worlds through your art form. Then you get a synthesis, and now you can direct that into your social world. It can't be totally predictable. But it's better than nothing."

Hawke on the film's future: "A friend of mine, he plays rock 'n' roll music. He has a band in Philly. It's very difficult in the music industry right now. He doesn't have a record contract, but he knows he's making good music. In another world, he's Neil Young. He sent me this passionate email, saying he just wants to watch the movie once a week. He felt so in touch with his own music after hearing [Bernstein] talk about it. He's doing scales again and working on his guitar playing. He feels so inspired to work hard even though the world isn't patting him on the back and telling him he's a genius. That's our dream for this movie."

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Bonus question

Bernstein on understanding music

People love to hear the backstory about how music is crafted. "But that doesn't even describe what the music is," says Bernstein. "We know there's a story behind it. There was an island called Ys that sank beneath the sea. There's a legend that God caused the island to sink because it was filled with sinners. Debussy wrote a piece about it ["The Engulfed Cathedral"] in which the island rises, and you hear the organ and you hear the chorus of men and boys, and you hear the bells tolling. When it's over it has nothing to do with that. It's just music. It could be called anything."

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The hit film is now a touring stage show — but it's not your typical musical.

"It's 'Dirty Dancing: The Classic Story on Stage.' It's a jukebox musical," explains Josh Drake, who's the assistant dance captain, the fight captain, a swing and the understudy for Johnny Castle, the role made famous by Patrick Swayze.

"In a musical, people start singing random dialogue," he says. "This is different — you have people standing on either side of the stage singing '(I've Had) the Time of My Life' while Johnny and Baby are dancing in the middle."

We chatted with Drake about keeping the show tight on the road and making sure no one puts Baby in the corner.

So what is your role as assistant dance captain?
When we started rehearsals in July, before the tour started in August, choreographers set the show. It's up to the dance captain and myself to keep up the integrity of the choreography. Since I'm a swing, I get to watch some performances throughout the tour and make sure it stays crisp and clean.

Is it weird being in the cast but also having this role critiquing the cast?
It's an interesting role — being friends with people in the cast but also being in a place of management. We're the liaison between the company management and the dancers. It's hard to give notes sometimes, but you just have to get rid of that emotion, on both sides. It's a job.

And you're also the understudy for Johnny, right?
I wasn't cast as the understudy. But our Johnny broke his finger. And I knew all the dances already, so they asked if I was willing to step in and learn the role. I learned it within about three days! And then I was on for a month and a half.

Were you disappointed to have to give up the role?
Definitely, yeah, you feel some disappointment. But all of the creatives got to see me as Johnny, so that was great. Eleanor Bergstein, who wrote the movie, she came to see us when the show was in Cleveland. Afterward, she said, "First of all, shave your face. No one would have facial hair in the '60s. [Laughs] But she also said I made a fantastic Johnny — coming from her, that was so great to hear.

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"It's such a nostalgic show. People grew up with it. People love these characters."
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Dream of growing your own tomatoes or zucchini one day? Well, you don't have to wait for a home with a backyard.

At a recent urban garden event by Seeds of Change to announce their grant program — which awards funding to organizations focused on community-based gardening — the topic turned to our own personal vegetable patches.

"You can easily grow vegetables and greens in an apartment or urban setting," insists natural lifestyle expert Sophie Uliano.

"A lot of people think, 'I haven't got any room.' Well, fire escapes, balconies or even a nice, sunny windowsill is perfect."

Uliano, who grew up in the bucolic English countryside before moving to Los Angeles, recommends city dwellers start with these:

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expert says pot some basil, too. "Add in mozzarella and you've got little hors d'oeuvres — and you've grown them."

Herbs

"If you buy fresh herbs, they're very expensive. And they come in little plastic packets that don't last very long," says Uliano. Plus, she explains, you hardly ever use the bag up. "You might just need a few leaves for a recipe. So the beauty of growing things like this is you pick just what you need."

Greens

"Baby lettuce or microgreens in stores like Whole Foods are super expensive," stresses Uliano. "I love growing greens like arugula because it grows very quickly and you just snip the leaves off, put them in your salad, and they'll regrow. It's the gift that keeps on giving."

Growing from seed

Theresa Allan, resident garden expert at Seeds of Change, helps us get started.

When is the best time for those living on the East Coast to start planting veggies and herbs?

You can start cool season crops about four weeks before the last spring frost, which is usually around the first week of May. Warm season crops are often started indoors about four weeks before the last spring frost, then transplanted outside when weather is warm.

- **Cool season crops include:** beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, kale, leeks, lettuces and salad greens, onions, peas, radishes, spinach, turnips
- **Warm season crops to start indoors include:** eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, tomatillos, basil, perennial herbs, perennial and annual flowers

What grows best in containers?

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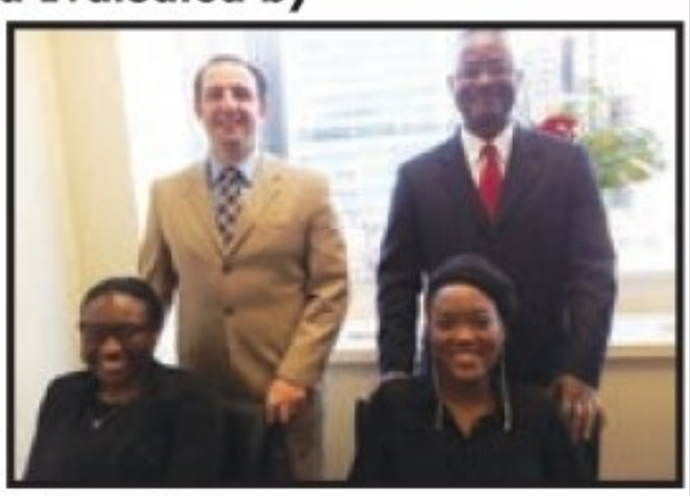
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The Rail Park is set to transform the neighborhood we're now calling the Loft District.

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Reinvention has long been the name of the game in the "Loft District," aka Callowhill, where industrial skeletons live second lives as airy condos, and one of the city's hottest music venues materialized out of a railroad luggage transfer facility.

But that reinvention will reach a new level if the long-discussed Rail Park takes root. The plan to convert the elevated viaduct that curves through the neighborhood is slated to start construction this year and should create an explosion of housing demand.

If the park-atop-abandoned-train-trestle thing sounds familiar, maybe you've heard of the High Line in New York, which led a boom on Manhattan's far west side, where the streets once had a bleak feel. Today, those streets boast bars, boutiques and art galleries, while a few stories up, locals and tourists enjoy greenery and views. Developers have rushed to keep up, converting warehouses into lofts and building new hotels and high-rises.

Our Rail Park may not have that exact look — its advocates want something grittier, more tied to the area's industrial history. But it will likely bring a similar transformation to the sleepy stretch north of Chinatown, which seriously lacks green space. New real estate development is already giving us a preview of the area's future.

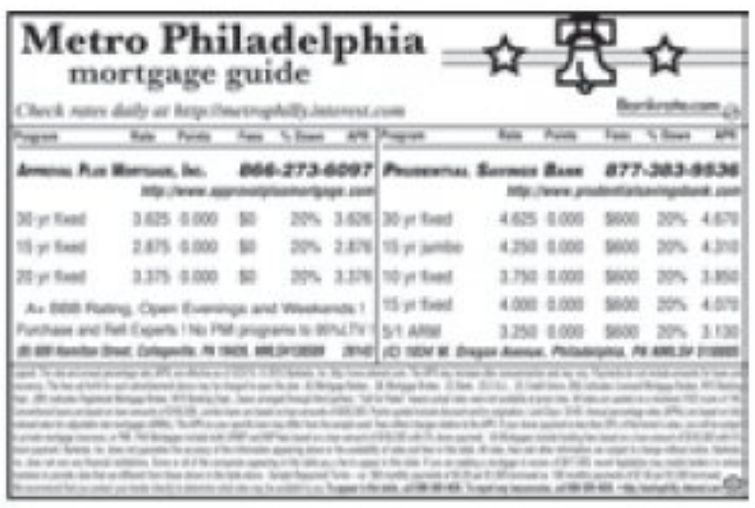
Townhomes won't be enough

If the Rail Park continues full steam ahead, there will likely be more demand than rowhomes can satisfy. Cue the developers working on higher-density buildings.

Construction has started on the Mural Lofts in the former Thaddeus Stevens School, a striking brick fortress on 13th and Spring Garden. When it's completed late this year, its 56 units will be just steps from both the viaduct and the continuing development along North Broad.

Looking to move before the boom? Goldtex Apartments opened last year on 12th at Wood. It backs up to the elevated viaduct.

A rendering of Mural Lofts. **EBRM CORP.**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Front-row views

Phase one of the Rail Park begins where the tracks descend to meet the sidewalk on Noble Street, just north of Callowhill Street. Residential construction is already dotting the area on quiet side streets like Buttonwood. Many of the in-transition neighborhood's vacant lots are sprouting modern rowhomes.

A select few will even have the park quite literally at their doorstep. Five townhomes are under construction on Noble near 12th, which will give residents front-row views of the completed project.

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♈ Aries | March 21-April 20
Your open, kind nature will draw many admirers. This is a good time to approach your boss for a raise or a more responsible position.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21
Make the most of your skills and enthusiasm. Don't stick to the same routine. A competition will be the perfect way to have fun.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20
Keep a low profile. You will be overwhelmed by responsibilities. Take a moment to regenerate by engaging in a personal hobby that you find relaxing.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Devote your spare time to a successful moneymaking venture. Keep up-to-date on property values so that you are prepared to make a move when the time's right.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
Your dynamic personality lends itself to a leadership role. Step to the front of any group or organization you join.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Don't make promises based on what you think someone wants. Be truthful about your emotions; hurt feelings will result otherwise.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
A seminar will be the source of a rewarding friendship. Join a club and you will meet someone with similar interests.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Make some concrete moves toward securing your future. Solid strategies to save money can and should be put into place.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Make a point to expand your current routine and put a healthy plan into motion. If you are happy with the way you look, you will do good things.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You can outmaneuver the competition if you are proactive. Don't wait for someone else to recognize what you have to offer.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Share an optimistic point of view with others. Relationships will benefit from any contribution you make.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
Someone will get the wrong impression. Resentment is likely to surface if you aren't honest. Be clear about where you want to be and what you are willing to do to get there. EUGENIA LAST

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Letters to the editor

McCain should show more respect

Re: 'McCain to Obama: Get over your temper tantrum' (March 23) Sen. John McCain, carrying water for Israel, with his puerile "get over it" remark, chided President Obama for calling out Bibi Netanyahu upon his duplicitous declarations before and after his election; as if the Israeli leader's snake-like split-tongue remarks regarding Arab and Palestinian homeland aspirations were trifling issues, rather than a half-century struggle. How brazen to reveal his charade: viewing the negotiating world community as suckers one day, and then apologizing the next day.
ART BURNS, VIA EMAIL

Meat's true origins

Re: 'Meaty issue' (Metro, March 24) Thank you to reader Bill Heinstadt for reminding us of the horrible realities of factory farming. If anyone did to a kitten or puppy what's being done every day to chickens, pigs and cows, they'd be rightly branded sadistic and heartless, and would certainly be arrested. You may still choose to eat meat, but pull your head out of the sand first and learn the truth about its production. There are plenty of very convincing meatless substitutes — give 'em a try!
RICH FEINBERG, VIA EMAIL

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20 Lord — (Tarzan)
22 Groom carefully
23 Carnaby Street locale
24 Mocks or knocks
26 Twitch
29 Leaf juncture
31 Carioca's home
32 Famous numero
33 Took legal action
34 Talisman
38 — monster
40 Umbrella spoke
42 Eighteen-wheeler
43 Pony pad
46 Beach sidler
49 Point
50 Make candles
51 Poop out
52 Rx givers
53 Shogun's warriors
57 Zenith
59 Site
60 Broths
65 Settled down
66 Play charades
67 Snake plate
68 Beaujolais, e.g.
69 Greenspan
70 Like a wolf's howl
71 Must-have
72 Rookie
73 Faked out the goalie

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2 Aquarius' tote
3 Be gloomy
4 Rubber-stamps
5 Wrestling holds
6 Well-meaning sort (hyph.)
7 Ms. Dinesen
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11 Firmed up, as muscles
12 Helena rival
13 Unskilled workers
21 Quaker pronoun
22 Strait-laced
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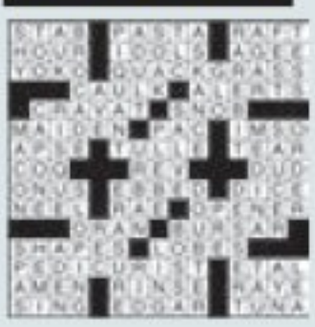

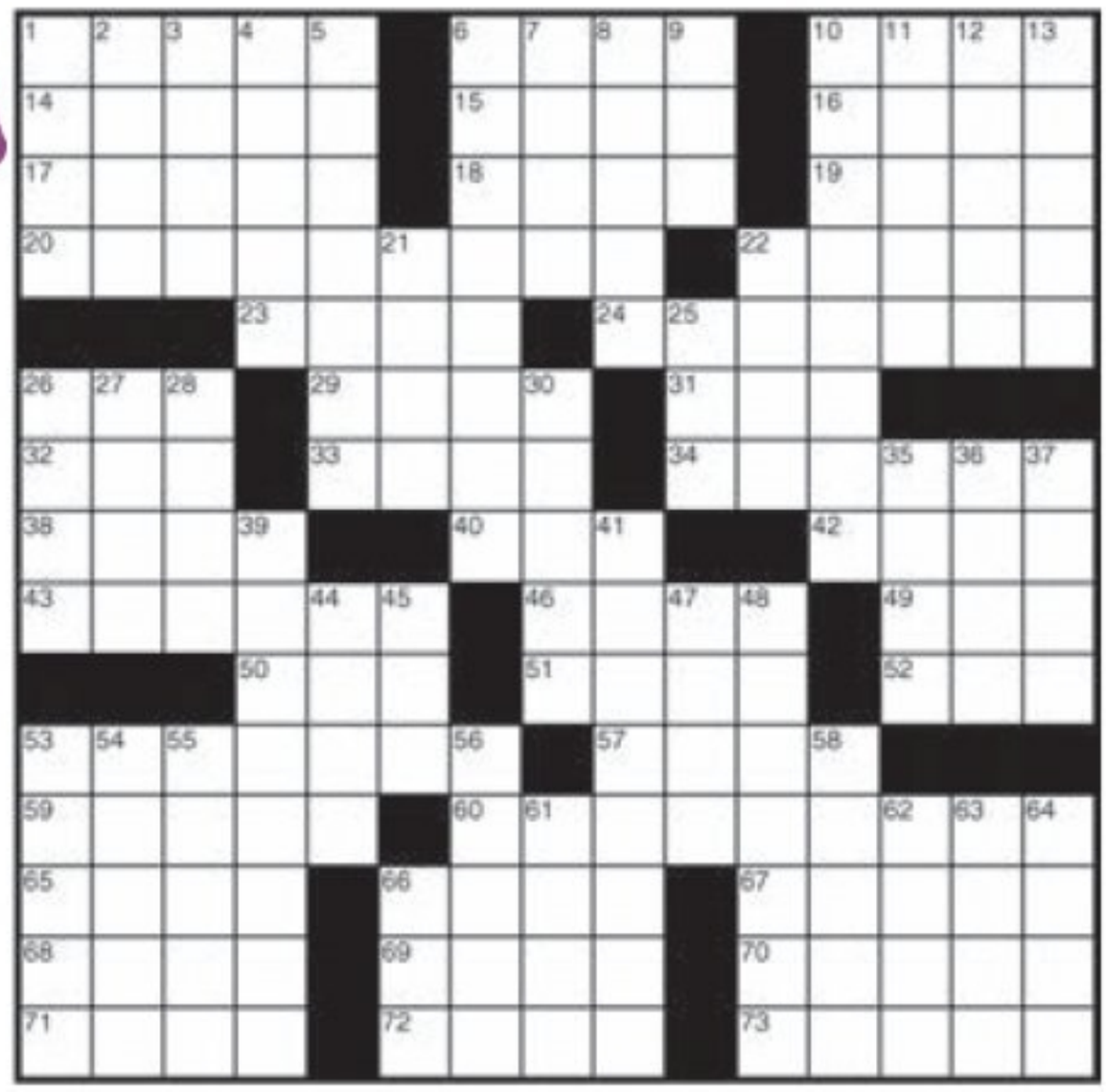

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Lurie: 'Let Chip be Chip

NFL. Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie speaks to the media and gives his full support to Chip Kelly's vision.

Lurie said Kelly's vision is "smart and cutting edge." / GETTY IMAGES

The Eagles' offseason may appear to outsiders as a series of random and unconnected events. First Chip Kelly rose to become the chief decision maker, and then, one by one, he traded or let go many of the Birds' main pieces and made questionable acquisitions.

After nearly three months, Eagles' owner Jeffrey Lurie finally spoke to the media at the NFL coaches meetings Tuesday, revealing his thought-process and shedding light on the vision for a team that he hopes can make the difficult jump "from good to great."

"I've lived through lot of division championships, a lot of playoff appearances and trips to the final four, but our goal is further than that," Lurie said. "Sometimes, maybe I am influenced by the fact that it is very difficult to get from good to great."

After a 4-12 season to end the Andy Reid era in Philly, a tenure that saw the Eagles sustain their best success in nearly 30 years but failed to net them a Super Bowl title, Lurie decided to make a bold choice.

With the help of then-GM Howie Roseman, who has since been relegated to more of a background role in the wake of Kelly's ascension to power, the Eagles recruited Kelly to transform the Eagles into a 3-4 defense and spread offense.

"Chip had a vision of exactly how we could get from good to great," the owner continued. "It's a very sound vision. ... It made so much sense. When we hired Chip, his style of play is very different from what we had before. We were not organized and designed in that way. We had finesse and fast players. We had, over two years, to understand how we could maximize Chip Kelly's system."

If it hasn't been made clear by Kelly and the Eagles' decisions to shed LeSean McCoy and focus on defensive free agents, swap Nick Foles for Sam Bradford and ink a duo of superstar running backs in Ryan Mathews and DeMarco Murray, Lurie wants to be bold.

"He's about all football all the time, and as a fan we have someone working in our best interests," Lurie said. "He studies. ... these are very studied decisions, He watched Sam Bradford hundreds of times, talked to every coach he ever had. This was well researched."

Quoted

"You have to take some serious looks at yourself. It's a gamble to go from good to great. You can go to mediocre."
Jeffrey Lurie

Lurie also finally spoke out about his decision to promote Kelly and demote Roseman.

"Howie is a very valuable member of the organization," Lurie said. He's a really sharp guy. ... He was a big part of the process of getting Chip. ... He is such a valued member of our organization, but the future, I can't tell you. He's so selfless, he just wants to participate, he is so valuable to us."

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Phillies 5, Braves 3

Howard, Ruf go deep

Ryan Howard and Darin Ruf had back-to-back homers in a win against the Braces Tuesday. Ruf would pitch in with three of the Phils' 13 hits in the game. The Phils are back in Clearwater Wednesday to host the Astros.

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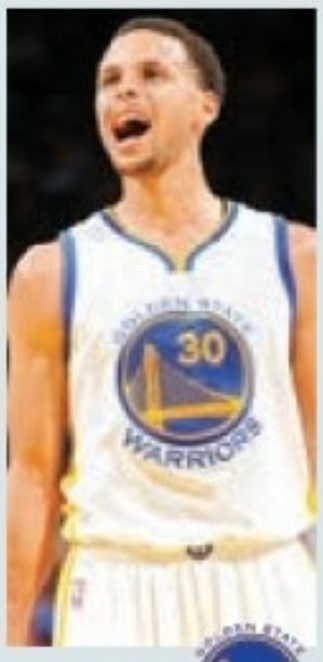

Warriors (57-13)

Six straight wins for the NBA's best team, including the most recent 107-76 shellacking over the Washington Wizards in which the Wiz scored 27 points in the second half. Yes, 27.

No. 2

Hawks (53-17)

Three straight losses and five losses in their last nine games. They are still going to finish with the top seed in the East.

No. 3

Rockets (47-26)

James Harden had his eighth 40-point game of the season on Monday, the third most in franchise history.

No. 4

Cavaliers (46-26)

"Hey, Kevin! Take this picture of me and my friends! Oh, and you can't sit at our table. Loser." - LeBron James to Kevin Love after a game, probably.

No. 5

Grizzlies (50-21)

Three straight wins and five out of six, but let's see where they're at next week after facing the Cavs, Warriors, and Spurs.

No. 6

Clippers (46-25)

The Clippers' 5.6 point differential is actually second-best in the entire NBA behind the Warriors (10.7).

No. 7

Blazers (44-24)

The Blazers are dealing with some injuries right now, including one to LaMarcus Aldridge's thumb. It might be a good idea to sit him out more often before the playoffs.

No. 8

Thunder (40-30)

The Thunder have separated themselves by 2.5 games for the West's 8th seed. Russell Westbrook has 10 triple-doubles.

No. 9

Spurs (44-25)

No team is shooting better than the Spurs over the last week, as they come in at 51 percent in their last three games.

No. 10

Mavericks (44-27)

Another week, another angry Rick Carlisle. But this time it's not with just Rajon Rondo but his entire team. This comes after two straight losses to the Grizzlies and Suns.

No. 11

Raptors (42-28)

They were blown out by the Bulls on Friday night, but they have a chance for redemption on Wednesday.

No. 12

Bulls (43-29)

The Bulls officially clinched a playoff spot this week. Now they just have to get healthy before it gets here.

No. 13

Wizards (40-30)

See: Golden State Warriors. Just 27 points in the second half? That is comically bad. Listen, the Warriors have a great defense, but that's ridiculous. Pull it together, Washington.

No. 14

Pelicans (47-33)

Four losses in their last five games plus one game on deck against the Houston Rockets put this Pelicans team at a crossroads.

No. 15

Celtics (34-19)

The Celtics managed to go 5-3 without Isaiah Thomas who has been nursing a bruised tailbone. It sounds like he'll be ready to go for a huge game Wednesday vs. the Heat.

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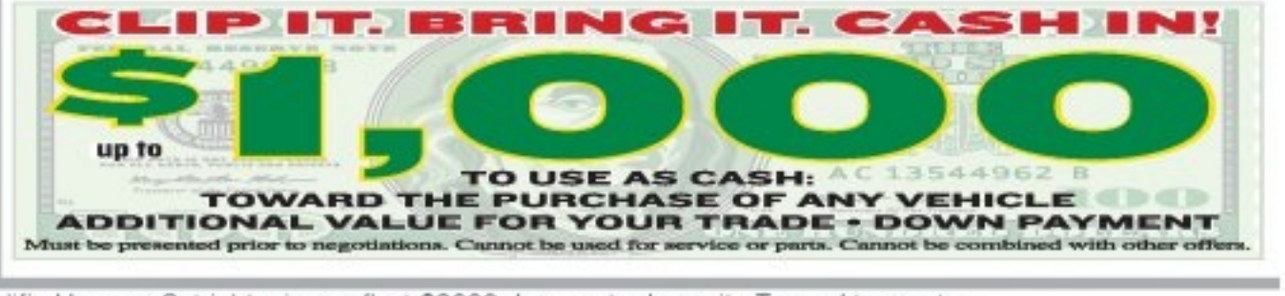
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3 Reasons the Flyers blew their playoff chances

The Philadelphia Flyers finally admitted what the rest of the NHL already knew last week. For the second time in the last three years, they won't be playing in the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

No more pretending there is still a chance to catch the Ottawa Senators, who just unseated the Bruins for the second wild card spot.

Sorry folks, it's over.

The Flyers have not been mathematically eliminated yet, but make no mistake, they will be shortly, and the final eight games of the regular season, starting tonight against former Flyer Kimmo Timonen and the Blackhawks at the Wells Fargo Center, are essentially as meaningful as preseason games.

The only difference between the games in September and the remaining ones in March and April is the latter will determine the team's chances of possibly winning the draft lottery and having a shot at one of two potential superstars.

However, it didn't have to end like this. The Flyers could still have been one of the teams alive in the playoff hunt — or even overtaken the wild card spot by this point.

Following a 3-2 win over the Washington Capitals in a Sunday afternoon matinee on Feb. 22, they were just four points back of the Bruins and one of the hottest teams in the league. With the win, the Flyers had gone 8-1-4 in their previous 13 games and went from being 13 points out of a playoff berth in the middle of January to back in the race with six weeks to go.

As we all now know, the hot streak didn't last much longer. Two trends that had plagued the club all season reappeared, and a demoralizing game in Boston spelled the end of the team's postseason hopes.

The following are the three main reasons why the Flyers fell out of the playoff race.

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The Flyers currently rank 29th of 30 teams in penalty kills, taking care of business just 76.9 percent of the time.

Jakub Voracek has been a rare bright spot for the Flyers.

1 They couldn't beat bad teams

Since beating the Capitals, the Flyers have inexplicably gone 0-6-3 against teams that are either below them in the standings or who, like them, will also not be playing beyond the regular season. The Flyers could not capitalize on a favorable schedule down the stretch, losing to the likes of bottom-feeders such as the Sabres, Oilers, Hurricanes and Maple Leafs. It's difficult to fathom how they can compile such a stretch of games considering what was at stake.

2 They can't win on the road

Since beating the Capitals, the Flyers have gone 0-5-4 on the road, including 0-2-2 on their recent four-game trip against four Canadian teams that all but sealed their fate. They have managed only 14 goals in the nine games. The struggles away from the Wells Fargo Center haven't been a recent problem, either. They are just 9-20-10 on the road while compiling a respectable 20-9-6 mark at home. Only four teams have fewer wins on the road than the Flyers.

3 Their heartbreaking loss to the Bruins

Since beating the Capitals, no game has been bigger or determined their fate more than the 3-2 overtime loss in Boston on March 7. The Flyers entered the game four points back of the Bruins and held a 2-1 lead late in the first period.

However, they allowed a power-play goal with 14 seconds left in regulation and ended up losing in overtime.

Rather than sitting two points out of a playoff spot, the Flyers found themselves five back.

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From there, the season simply unraveled. The Flyers have gone 1-4-3 since the emotional loss and watched as their playoff hopes quickly dissolved.

It's why they finally admitted what the rest of the NHL already knew.

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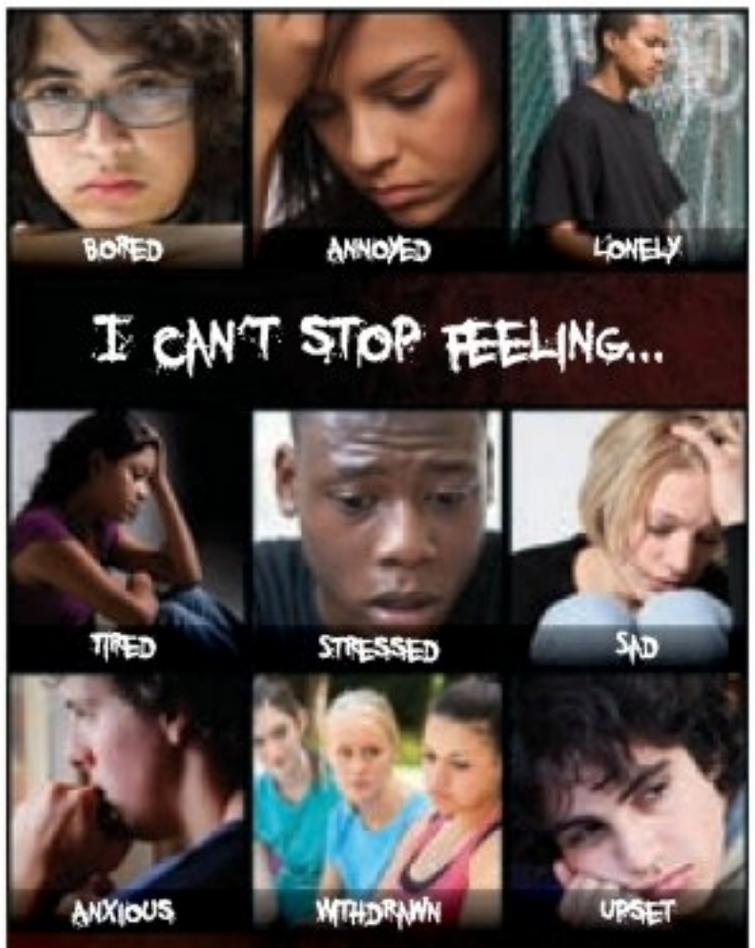

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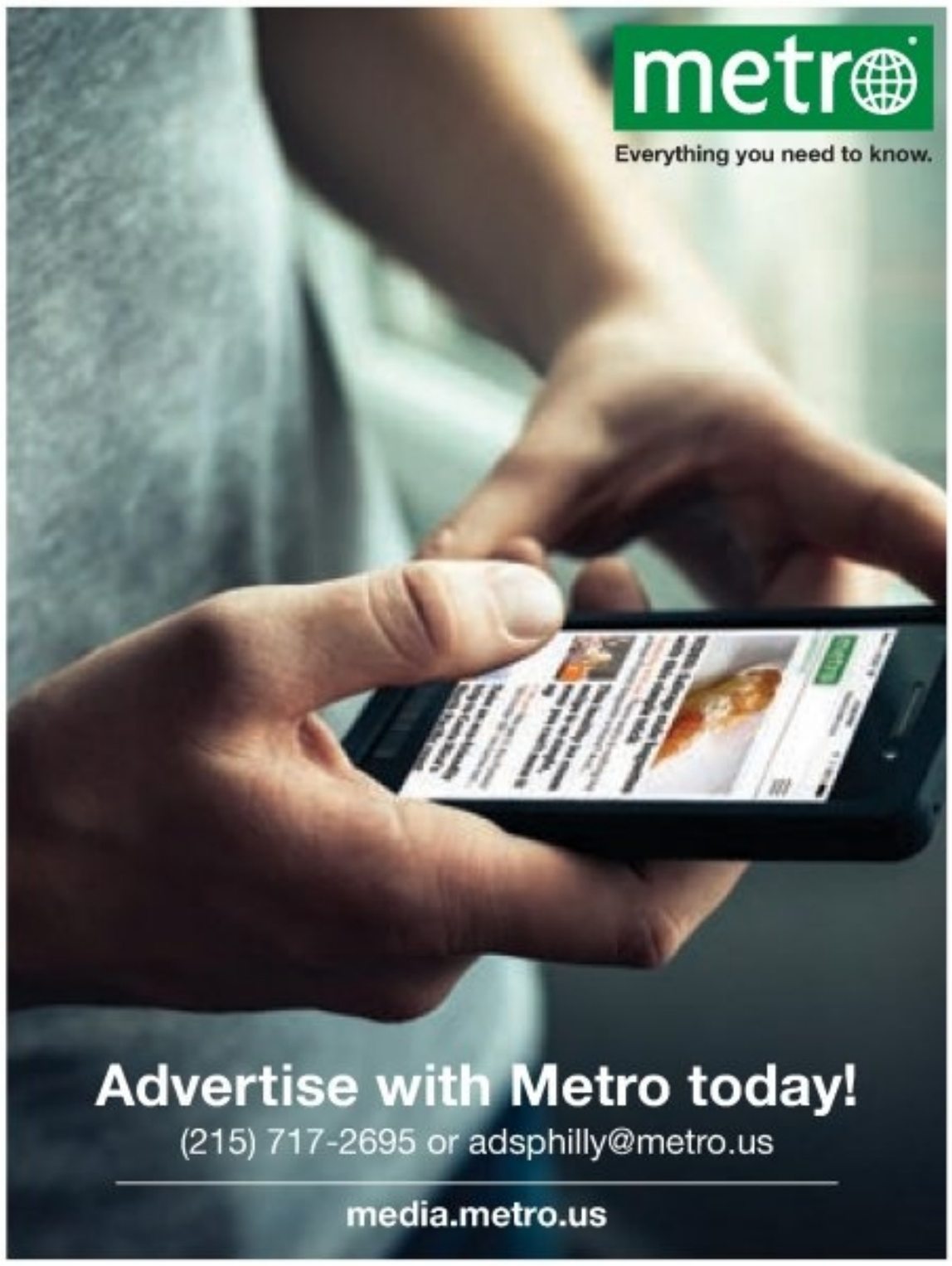

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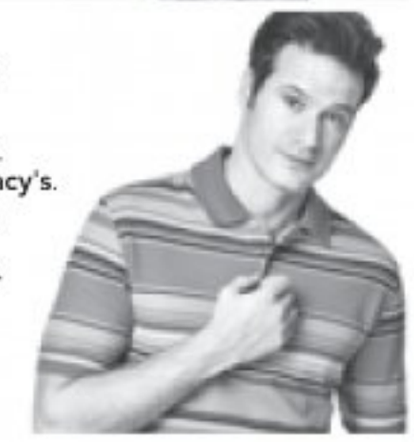

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